



CITY OF STOCKTON

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

March 14, 2003

600 BLOCK OF WIZARD STREET

Councilmember Ruhstaller received a complaint regarding the trash along this short stretch of road which connects with Fremont Street and has a mixed use of commercial, industrial business along with some older housing and vacant lots. Neighborhood Services CCC crew picked up a couch, two televisions and some trash bags along the right-of-way and on a vacant lot. (HRD)

CITY HALL FINANCE HOURS: NEW SERVICE SCHEDULE-REVISED

Effective Tuesday, April 1, the Administrative Services Department will implement a revised customer service schedule. The first floor City Hall Finance office will be open Monday through Friday from 9am to 12noon and from 1pm to 5pm. The office will be closed at 12noon Monday through Friday. Additionally there will be no counter or telephone customer service provided on the hours of closure.

Customers will be notified of the schedule changes via inserts in the utility bills, local papers, the City website, and signs posted in the City Hall and Finance lobby. Custom

ers will be able to leave telephone messages and all calls will be returned within one working day. Inquiries can also be submitted via the City website. Payments can be deposited in the drop boxes located on both the north and south sides of City hall. Customers can also use auto payment withdrawals or on-line banking to pay their utility bills. (AS)

CITY OF STOCKTON REFUNDS

In accordance with Council Policy a copy of a list of refunds which were made by the City of Stockton for the month of February, 2003 is available for viewing in the City Manager's Office. (CM)

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

The following projects were completed in the GIS section of Information Technology: created electronic versions of road maps for City area and County Area Hospitals, incorporated new Woodbridge-Delta Fire District Merger into GIS data, transferred GIS street and fire district information to Fire/ECD division and also to Police Dispatch division, completed county area maps for Fire prevention, created PD district maps for PD, coordinated with county GIS for ambulance distance runs, created map of am

bulance response area (South County) for Fire/ECD.

The GIS section also produced aerial maps for DA's office – court display, produced map for Code Enforcement – Council and Police district, redesigned map for Personnel to include directions to admin offices, produced maps for PW/SJAFA – Smith Canal area, created map for CM – enterprise zone and industrial parks, created six signs for Fire, produced map for CM of public building locations, added additional records for Beck Ranch #1 subdivision and additional records for Spanos Park West #20 subdivision, and produced Zip-Code map for USPS. (AS-IT)

LIBRARY GRANT PROPOSALS FOR TECHNOLOGY

The Library has submitted applications to the Beaumont Foundation for computer lab equipment for the Troke, Fair Oaks, Angelou, and Escalon Branch Libraries. The money is available for the purchase of Toshiba equipment. (LIB)

FIRST FIVE DONATIONS TO LIBRARY

First Five, the county's Children and Families Commission, has urged its contrac-

tors to respond to the Library's "Call for Books" campaign and bring newer books from their own personal libraries to the March 14 First Five contractors' meeting. (LIB)

ADA TEAM VISIT

On Wednesday the City's ADA Team visited the Troke Branch Library, following last week's visit to the Chavez Central Library. (LIB)

TRIVIA BEE

The team from Neumiller and Beardslee was the winner of the 12th annual Trivia Bee last Friday, a fundraising event sponsored by the Library & Literacy Foundation of San Joaquin County. Thirty-six teams entered the competition and total attendance at the event was nearly 600 people. (LIB)

LITERACY MATCHING GRANT

The Library's Adult Literacy Program has been awarded \$15,319 in State matching funds for program operation. In past years most of the state funds have been used for radio, television, and billboard ads aimed at attracting new students into the program. Nearly 60 percent of adult students indicated they called the Library about the program because of seeing the ads. (LIB)

BOOK DONATION TO TRACY LIBRARY

The Book Wholesale Warehouse in the Tracy Outlet Mall has closed shop...but not before donating more than 2000 new books and cassettes to the Tracy Branch Library! (LIB)

LIBRARY & LITERACY FOUNDATION ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Early results from the Library & Literacy Foundation of San Joaquin County's first annual campaign indicate donors have sent or pledged more

than \$4000 to the Foundation for its efforts in support of the Library and its family literacy programs. (LIB)

OFFICIAL MARCH 4, 2003 SPECIAL ELECTION RESULTS

With all 124 precincts reporting the following are the official election results for the City of Stockton as reported by the San Joaquin County Registrar's Office as of 4:21 p.m. on March 12, 2003:

Registered voters: 100,928
Total Ballots Cast: 17,114
Voter turnout: 17.0%

Measure E - Minimum public safety levels (Fritchen)

Yes:	8,287	49.5%
No:	8,441	50.5%

Measure F - Public vote on utilities contracts (Kothe/Stocking)

Yes:	9,966	59.8%
No:	6,713	40.2%

Measure G - Special elections timeline (City-initiated)

Yes:	13,634	82.2%
No:	2,957	17.8%

Measure H - 100% utility tax to Police and Fire (City-initiated)

Yes:	8,281	49.8%
No:	8,358	50.2%

According to Registrar of Voters Deborah Hensch, she believes the voter turnout rate to be the lowest the City of Stockton has had in her 29-year tenure with the Registrar's Office. (CC)

SIGNATURE WITHDRAWALS RECEIVED IN CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

This week the City Clerk's office received 558 requests to withdraw signatures from the Referendum against Ordinance Stockton City Council Resolution 03-0081 approving a contract for wastewater, water, and stormwater utilities capital improvements and asset management between the City of Stockton and OMI/Thames Water Stockton. Election Code requires that a request to with-

draw a signature must be filed prior to the day a referendum is filed with the elections official. The filer reported that the requests will continue to be filed in the City Clerk's office on a regular basis up to March 20, the day prior to the deadline for filing a referendum on Resolution 03-0081. (CC)

PUBLIC WORKS - ALTERNATIVE WORK PROGRAM (AWP)

The Alternative Work Program is a program run by the Sheriff's Department. It allows persons convicted of minor offenses to work off their time providing community service. The Public Works Department has taken advantage of this program for close to 20 years. There are two full time City employees dedicated to supervising the persons supplied by the Sheriff's Department. The crew is on duty 7 days a week 8 hours a day. They are used for litter clean up on City right-of-ways, removal of graffiti on City equipment, bridges, and signs. They also respond to complaints of debris dumped on City streets.

During the first two months of 2003 the AWP crew removed 252,000 pounds (126 tons) of debris from City streets, this included: 30 shopping carts, 429 tires, 23 refrigerators/air conditioners, 40 television/computers, 36 batteries, 102 gallons of hazardous liquids, and 481 signs. They have also painted out 31,561 square feet of graffiti on City bridges, walls, and sidewalks and removed graffiti from 1,186 streetlight/signal poles, signs and signal boxes. (PW)

PROJECTS WIN TWO SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SJCOC) AWARDS

Two City of Stockton projects received awards at the SJCOC awards banquet held

last Friday, March 7th, at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi. The March Lane Underpasses at the Union Pacific Railroads project received the 2002 Regional Excellence Award. The March Lane Grade Separations project was managed by Public Works Engineer Ray Deyto; designed by HDR Engineering; and constructed by Teichert Construction. Parsons Brinckerhoff Construction Services provided the construction management and inspection services.

The Stockton Channel Water Quality Improvement project also received an honorable mention award. Managed by Public Works Engineer Sharla Hardy and designed by HDR Engineering, the Stockton Channel Water Quality Improvement project studied the cause of periodic blue-green algae overgrowth in the Channel and developed a preliminary design to prevent it, thereby improving the water quality of the Channel.

Councilmember Gary Giovanetti accepted the awards on behalf of the City. Councilmember Steve Bestolarides, members of the project team, and representatives of various public and private agencies also attended this prestigious black-tie event. (PW)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period March 6-12 the Stockton Police Department handled 5,911 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

The CHAT continued inspections in the Midtown area. Several parolees were taken into custody, in addition to subjects who had outstanding warrants. There was an obvious increase in gang graffiti

and the information has been forwarded to appropriate personnel for follow-up. Two Administrative Citations, as well as a Notice of Civil Penalties, were issued for non-compliance. Two vehicles were abated, and the East Main Apartments were demolished. The PACT conducted 2 parolee orientation meetings during the month of February, with 196 parolees scheduled to attend. Of that amount, 141 were actually in attendance, of which 101 live within the city limits. Six parolees-at-large were arrested, 10 parolees were arrested, and 9 arrests were made for other felonies. Cocaine, heroin, marijuana, and meth were confiscated. (POL)

TIP-A-COP EVENT

This year's Tip-A-Cop event held at Red Lobster on March 12 was a huge success. Each year the Stockton Police Department joins with other law enforcement agencies to raise money for Special Olympics. The Law Enforcement Torch Run organizes this international event, where Officers volunteer their time as celebrity waiters to raise funds for this important cause. The event took place during the lunch and dinner hours, where volunteers explained the fundraiser to customers and asked them to support the event by placing a special "tip" in an envelope at their table. Approximately \$3,116.22 was raised during the event. (POL)

DUI CHECKPOINT

A DUI checkpoint was conducted recently at El Dorado and Sixth, with 568 vehicles passing through. Nine individuals were arrested for DUI, one on gun and drug charges, and another for robbery. Additionally 69 citations were issued and 29 vehicles were towed. (POL)

GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Activities of the Gang Street Enforcement Team (GSET) dur-

ing the period March 4-12 included the following:

- Field Interviews - 196
 - Felony Arrests - 5
 - Misdemeanor Arrests - 3
 - Felony Warrant Arrests - 5
 - Misdemeanor Warrant Arrests - 3
 - Traffic Citations Issued - 34
 - Vehicles Impounded - 13
 - Firearms Confiscated - 2 (one .12 gauge sawed-off shotgun and one .38 caliber revolver; 371 guns confiscated since the inception of GSET and the VCSTF)
 - Parole Searches - 2
 - Probation Searches - 2
 - Narcotics Confiscated - 0
- (POL)

TRUANCY

During the week of March 3-7, 13 juveniles were processed for truancy. Year to date 800 students have been processed for truancy, with 195 repeat offenders. Statistics reflect that overall truancy has decreased by approximately 16% compared to the same time period last year. (POL)

OFFICER BATTERED

An Officer responded to a report of a naked man acting irrationally at Flora and Beatrice on March 6. The suspect was brandishing a stick and rushed the Officer, striking him several times in the face with his fist. Other Officers arrived and took the suspect into custody. The Officer was treated for a lacerated lip, swelling to the left side of his face, and a sore shoulder. (POL)

ABC DECOY

On March 6 Vice Officers and agents from Alcohol Beverage Control conducted a citywide decoy mission using minors. The minors attempted to get 29 adults to

purchase alcohol for them. Six of the adults were cited for furnishing alcohol to a minor. Two adults were arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor, with one being a sex offender and another possessing methamphetamine. (POL)

OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING

Officers responded to St. Joseph's Hospital at approximately 5:36 a.m. on March 7, on a report of a battery that had just occurred. They were advised the suspect was standing near his truck with a handgun. Officers located the suspect seated in his truck in the ER parking lot and ordered him to exit his truck. The suspect ignored the Officers' commands and began to back up and then pull forward traveling directly toward one of the Officers. The Officers ordered the suspect, at gunpoint, to stop; but he continued, forcing one of the Officers to shoot. The suspect fled westbound on Maple, and was pursued by Officers until he struck a light pole near El Dorado and March. The suspect still continued to flee in his truck, and Officers used legal intervention to stop him. A .357 magnum revolver was located inside the suspect vehicle. The suspect was treated at the hospital for a single gunshot wound to his back, and was listed in stable condition. (POL)

OUTSIDE AGENCY ASSIST

The San Francisco Police Department requested Stockton Police Department's assistance last Sunday, regarding a possible kidnapping case they were investigating. The suspect vehicle was found parked and unoccupied in the 800 block of Flint. Inspectors from the S.F.P.D. responded and took over the investigation, arresting three suspects. (POL)

FUND-RAISING SCAM

A resident of the 3300 block of Michigan received a telephone call from a suspect claiming to be conducting a nonprofit fundraiser for the Police Department, asking for a contribution. The victim agreed to give the man \$25, providing her credit card number. When the victim asked if she was going to receive a receipt or confirmation number, the solicitor hung up. The victim tried to *69 the phone call, but the number had a block. (POL)

STOLEN VEHICLE/PURSUIT

At approximately 2:40 a.m., on March 10, Officers attempted to stop a stolen vehicle near Etna and Hammer; however, the driver fled. A 13-minute pursuit ended when the suspect stopped the vehicle in the 2800 block of Shimizu. The passenger was taken into custody, and the driver jumped into the Smith Canal and swam to the north shore. An officer located the driver in the 2800 block of Country Club, where he resisted until being bitten by a Police K-9 and taken into custody. (POL)

BOMB THREAT ARREST

On March 10 a caller identified himself and said he had been hired to blow up the Federal Post Office, which is located on North San Joaquin. A check of the Post Office found two suspicious packages that were investigated by bomb personnel and found to be a package of prescriptions and an abandoned backpack containing personal items. Follow-up investigation led to the arrest of the caller, who admitted making the telephone threat. (POL)

TERRORIST THREATS/DV

On March 9, at approximately 5:14 a.m., a woman and her boyfriend had a heated argument at an apartment located in the 1000 block of North Center. The man threatened to kill the female and himself. He retrieved a semi-auto handgun

and ran outside firing off four shots, before running back into the apartment and threatening, again, to kill the victim. Police arrived and arrested the man on several charges. (POL)

SUICIDE

On March 11, at 10:05 a.m., Officers responding to a report that a man had jumped off the 12th floor of the Medical Dental Building, found a deceased male lying on top of a dumpster in the rear parking lot of the building. (POL)

SONORA STREET DEMOLITION

On Saturday, March 15, the Fire Department will be conducting a training burn on structures at 527-529 East Sonora Street. These dwellings are currently owned by the Stockton Redevelopment Agency and are being demolished as part of the Gleason Park redevelopment. Following the Fire Department's training a contractor will be utilized to clear and level the lots. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD CURBSIDE CLEANUP

On the week following the curbside cleanup in sections of Valley Oak and Lakeview, a total of 55 violation warning notices were issued to property owners and tenants. These notices were given for junk and trash that was not picked up by the garbage company on Saturday, March 1st. Often the items are put out too late, are not on the list of eligible items, or are dropped off by outside "neighbors." Upon re-inspection all the piles had been removed. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MONITORING

This week's update comes from Gateway District, which encompasses the downtown area from Harding Way to the

BN&SF Railroad tracks, west of the UP Railroad tracks.

Downtown-Commercial area

Code Enforcement staff was able to have the managers of two downtown apartment buildings remove aluminum foil from several exterior windows that minimized the amount of natural light allowed into the rooms. A property owner of a building in the 500 block of East Weber Avenue has begun painting the exterior of the building. The owner of a property located on North Center Street was issued a violation warning notice to repair a dilapidated masonry fence.

Magnolia/Midtown area

The owner of the property in the 300 block of North California Street has obtained a building permit and repairs are underway to replace several showers, install new sub-flooring, and miscellaneous other repairs. An Administrative fine was issued to the owner of a property in the 300 block of East Poplar Street for a repeat violation of an overflowing garbage dumpster. Contact was also made with the owner to have the dumpster emptied by the garbage company the following day and he complied with the request. The owner of an apartment building located in the 1200 block of North Hunter Street has corrected the violations cited by Code Enforcement and Fire Prevention personnel.

A tenant residing in the 1300 block of North Hunter Street was issued a misdemeanor citation by the Police Department for conducting garage sales beyond the four days allowed by the Stockton Municipal Code. Code Enforcement staff investigated the complaint a week before and had advised the person not to have additional garage sales or a citation would be issued. Working in conjunction with the Police Department, staff hopes to bring an

end to the problem at this location.

Pixie Drive

One of the buildings previously cited on Perry Avenue is being prepped up for a new coat of paint that will improve the appearance of the property. Staff has also proposed different landscaping methods to eliminate the patchy lawns. Another property owner has been issued a monetary fine for his failure to comply with previous notices.

A chronic problem in this area has been illegal dumping of junk and debris onto public streets and overflowing garbage dumpsters caused by unauthorized dumping by area residents. Combined efforts between Public Works, the CCC Street Collection Crew operated by Neighborhood Services, and Code Enforcement, have resulted in a decrease number of these occurrences.

Louis Park Estates

A tenant living in one of the condominiums complained about mold inside the unit. After an inspection by Code Enforcement, it was determined that the mold was not being caused by substandard housing conditions but rather, was primarily a housekeeping issue. The tenant was told of methods to remedy the situation and no further action was necessary. (HRD)

BROWNFIELDS UPDATE

Kitty Walker, Principal Analyst, participated in CRA's Brownfields Committee presentation to the membership this past week. Topics included Stockton's involvement in streamlining brownfields redevelopment via both State legislative changes as well as recent court decisions. Work on the City's innovative Risk Management Plan is moving forward - once complete, it will provide a regional "risk-based" approach to brownfields redevelopment for all properties along or adjacent to the waterfront in downtown

Stockton, eliminating the current requirement for detailed and costly parcel-by-parcel assessments and cleanup protocols. This is considered a pilot program by the state and will be the first approved in the Central Valley. (HRD)

NEW HOPE FAMILY SHELTER

This week representatives of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission reached an important milestone in the development of the New Hope Family Shelter. Housing staff received word from Gospel Center that they have successfully completed the plan check process and have obtained a building permit. Legal issues pertaining to property parcel modifications and technical revisions to the architectural plans have delayed the commencement of construction for months. With Gospel Center back on track, actual construction of the new shelter will begin no later than April 1st with completion anticipated for late Fall 2003.

The new two-story 10,413 square foot emergency shelter will allow Gospel Center to expand daily service by 67% to an additional 40 individuals. Approximately \$796,000 in City of Stockton Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds allocated in Program Years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 will go toward the construction of the project. San Joaquin County has contributed \$175,000 from its CDBG funds. The remaining \$200,000 of the costs will come from a Bank of Stockton loan. (HRD)

COLD WEATHER EMERGENCY SHELTER

The Housing staff met with a representative of the Housing Authority of San Joaquin to finalize the agreement in support of the Cold Weather Emergency Shelter Program.

The City and the Housing Authority co-funded this year's Cold Weather Overflow Shelter Program. The City will provide a maximum of \$25,000 in CDBG funds with San Joaquin County providing the balance of the costs of the program.

The funds will be used to address the urgent need for temporary space to accommodate the overflow of homeless persons at the Stockton Shelter for the Homeless during the winter months. Funds are to be utilized at the Housing Authority's Artesi Migrant Farm Labor Camp in French Camp.

The City and County CDBG contribution will make up a shortfall created in the program annual budget when the State of California grant funds were cut a year ago. With the approved funds, Stockton shelter estimated it will be able to provide approximately 2,200 nights of additional emergency shelter and serve 200 homeless families. (HRD)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC) – CDBG, HOME & ESG APPLICATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-04

The CDC has finalized its review and recommendations of the applications for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding requests for Fiscal Year 2003-04. A description of each funding source and the final CDC recommendations are summarized below.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

The primary objective of the CDBG program is the development of viable urban communities by providing decent housing and suitable living environments and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income. Each ac-

tivity must meet one of three national objectives: 1) Benefit low and moderate-income persons; 2) prevent or eliminate slums or blight; and 3) meet an urgent community need. The CDC has recommended that the following proposals be funded:

ABC's to Home Ownership - \$10,000 for operation costs of home ownership education program. Funds will provide for insurance, school facility rental, credit reports, supplies, counseling services, advertising, and printing.

Ebenezer Economic Development Corporation - \$60,854 for operational costs of Senior – Youth Center (The Rock). Funds will provide for salaries, taxes, insurance, supplies, telephone, and computer software.

Greater Stockton Chamber of Commerce Business Incubator - \$70,000 for operation costs and growth of the Incubator Program which provides affordable office space, clerical support services and shared equipment to start-up/emerging businesses.

Greater Stockton Emergency Food Bank - \$75,000 for the repair and partial replacement of a refrigerator/freezer unit and repair/replacement of exterior roof.

Goodwill Industries of San Joaquin Valley, Inc. - \$21,500 for the replacement of main facility roof.

San Joaquin Fair Housing - \$114,944 for operation costs of providing HUD-required fair housing services for City landlord-tenant mediation and relocation services.

HOME Investment Partnership (HOME):

The objective of this program is to address the diverse local housing needs through moderate and substantial rehabilita-

tion, new construction, homeownership assistance, and tenant-based rental assistance. The CDC has recommended that the funds be allocated in the following manner:

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Set-Aside - \$354,551 for the development of affordable housing projects specifically undertaken by CHDOs. As required by federal Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) regulations 15% of the participating jurisdiction's allocation must be "set-aside" for these types of activities.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Operating Assistance - \$74,000 for administrative operational costs of non-profit developers associated with affordable housing projects.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Pre-Development Fund - \$33,465 for project specific pre-development assistance to CHDOs for up-front project preparation costs.

Homebuyer Assistance Loan Pool - \$112,275

Multi-Family Loan Pool - \$1,078,291

Single-Family Loan Pool - \$763,468

Rental Rehabilitation Loan Pool - \$224,550

Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG):

The objective is the continued provision and expansion of services to the homeless. In general, assistance provided under this program may be used for activities relating to the operation of emergency shelters and essential support programs including employment, health, drug abuse, and education for the homeless.

Center for Positive Prevention Alternatives - \$6,000
Gospel Center Rescue Mission - \$16,939
Haven of Peace Emergency Shelter - \$23,714
Stockton Shelter for the Homeless - \$47,429
St. Mary's Interfaith Dining Room - \$50,816
Women's Center of San Joaquin County - \$27,102

The CDC will present their recommendation for all three funding sources to Council for consideration on April 8, 2003. At that time, comments will be received from the public on the proposed 2003-04 Action Plan. (HRD)

MERCY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Housing staff has been meeting weekly with Mercy Housing California to complete planning for their long-awaited affordable housing complex in the Gleason Park neighborhood.

The Redevelopment Agency and Mercy had previously entered into a Disposition and Development Agreement (DDA) to construct 92 apartment units over two city blocks; however, subsequently discovered soil and groundwater contamination on a portion of one block, necessitated a change in the location of the project. Part of the Redevelopment Agency's responsibility under the DDA was to acquire properties and relocate residents. These activities have been completed for the remaining one-block area not contaminated, and that site has been cleared and is ready for construction.

Mercy is now pursuing a first-phase development on this cleared block that will contain approximately 56, one to four-bedroom units, a community/child care center, and open green space. It is their intent to obtain all required

City approvals in time to apply for Federal and State Low Income Housing Tax Credits by July. If successful, construction could be underway by February 2004.

Additionally Mercy submitted the only proposal to an Agency RFP for another adjacent block. In the coming weeks staff will forward a proposal to the Redevelopment Agency to select Mercy as the Master Developer for this new second block. Mercy contemplates adding this as a second phase, which would give them a total of 100-110 apartment units in the Gleason Park area. (HRD)

STOCKTON FIRES

On Monday, March 10, there was a structure fire in a single story duplex at **7058 Tristan Circle**. The fire originated in the southwest bedroom and was contained to an entertainment center. Red Cross and SFD Ladies Auxiliary were notified to assist the displaced residents. Damage is estimated at approximately \$3,000 to the structure and \$15,000 to the contents.

On Monday, March 10, there was a structure fire in a single-story, single-family residence at **1939 Rosecrans Way**. The fire originated in the bathroom and the cause is undetermined. Red Cross was notified to assist the displaced residents. Damage is estimated at approximately \$45,000 to the structure and \$15,000 to the contents.

On Tuesday, March 11, a crew working with a backhoe broke a natural gas line at **Lower Sacramento Road and Hammer Lane**. Fire department personnel stood by with fire suppression and confined space equipment ready while PG&E dug a trench and repaired the line.

On Wednesday, March 12, there was a structure fire in a single-story triplex at **9172 Kirby Lane**. The fire originated

in the kitchen and began when cooking oil caught fire. Red Cross was notified to assist the displaced residents. Damage is estimated at approximately \$7,500 to the structure and \$2,500 to the contents. (FD)

WEED ABATEMENT

The Weed Abatement program is under way for both City and County properties. The engine companies are conducting surveys of properties in the County that are in the SFD's jurisdiction. A list of properties that are in violation is being established. (FD)

SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

This information is provided to inform the City Council as outlined in Chapter 3, Section 3-030, Part IV of the May 19, 1988, revision of the Stockton Municipal Code. The Purchasing Division sold the following surplus property. Through Roger Ernst & Associates Auctioneers, Inc. of Modesto, California, the City sold one (1) Lot surplus property for \$382. (AS)

FRAUDULENT CHECKS

The City was notified through our Positive Pay banking service that the amounts of two checks did not match the check numbers. Staff instructed the bank to reject the checks. On March 5 check copies were reviewed and staff verified that the checks were fraudulent. A report has been filed with the Police Department. The City did not incur a loss. (AS-Fin)

STOCKTON WINS TWELFTH FINANCIAL EXCELLENCE AWARD

Administrative Services is pleased to announce that the City has received its 12th consecutive Certificate of Award for Outstanding Financial Reporting from California Society of Municipal Financial Officers (CSMFO)

for the City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2002.

In order to receive this award a government unit must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR, whose contents meet strict program standards. Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles and applicable legal requirements. This year there was an added challenge of implementing the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, which established a completely new financial reporting model for State and local governments.

This award is a direct result of the professionalism, dedication, and commitment of the Administrative Services Department, Finance Division, and the Accounting Unit. (AS-Fin)

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal years ending June 30, 2001 and 2002 are now available online on the City's website. To access the CAFR's, visit Administrative Services' homepage and click on the "Financial Reports" link under "Reports." (AS-Fin)

CITY HALL ROOF PROJECT

Scaffolding was installed Tuesday, March 4, on the east side of City Hall. This scaffolding will allow City and consultant staff access to the roof gutter and drainage areas. The bottom portion of the scaffolding has been boarded up with plywood to prevent unauthorized personnel access to the roof. (AS-CBM)

CITY HALL CHILLER REPLACEMENT

A Purchase Order was issued to American Chiller Service on March 3 under the emergency purchase provisions of the City Charter as the existing chiller will not adequately cool due to age and mechanical failure. This Purchase Order is for removing existing chiller unit, chilled water, condenser water pumps, and piping as necessary. A new Trane Chiller, Peerless water pumps, and associated piping will then be installed.

CBM electricians will make the necessary arrangements for installation of a new 300 amp breaker for the new chiller. (AS-CBM)

CENTRAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

The Ashburner Room remodel continues. The casing for the projection screen has been installed. The screen is scheduled to be up and running by Monday 3/17. The table and radiator heater will be removed on Wednesday 3/12. The table will be re-laminated and the heater will be repainted.

The Report Writing Room at PD Main has been patched and painted. IT moved the computers and CBM staff removed and replaced the work surfaces.

"City Attorney's Office" and "City Manager's Office" signage has been added to the City Hall 2nd Floor Security Station. The lettering matches in style and color to the signage over the two sets of double doors behind the Security Station.

The installation of the lighting for the toy soldiers at the Children's Museum has been started. CBM crew is digging trenches, running conduit, and installing the electrical wiring which includes a time clock. Testing will be done this week. (AS-CBM)

CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

Monday morning I held my bi-weekly meeting with Steve Pinkerton. I gave a presentation to the Stockton Delta Rotary group regarding the City budget and its impact on City services. Sara Cortes, Rick Butterworth, and I met with Library staff regarding their budget. Gary Ingraham, Mark Madison, and I held our weekly meeting. Jim Giottonini and Barry O'Regan provided a briefing to Councilmember Giovanetti and me regarding the outstanding SJAFCA issues to be discussed during the lobbying trip to Washington, D.C.

On Tuesday Mayor Podesto and Councilmember Bestolarides and I held our respective weekly meetings. Gary Ingraham and I met with MUD staff regarding privatization issues and impacts. Steve Pinkerton and I discussed issues relating to downtown.

Wednesday morning I met with Chief Gillis and Dan Morriss regarding Fire Department issues. Chief Ed Chavez and I held our bi-weekly meeting. I had a lunch meeting with Fritz Grupe. Johnny Ford and I met with The Record's Editorial Board. Sara Cortes and I held budget review meetings with the Housing & Redevelopment Department and Personnel Services.

On Thursday I participated in the Department Head Team Building Session. Staff and I reviewed the City Clerk's Budget.

Friday morning I attended the Central California Mayors Conference. I participated in a meeting with Manuel Lopez, San Joaquin County Administrator, and the City Managers of San Joaquin County to discuss the An-

nexation Agreement and Tax
Sharing Agreement. I at-
tended the Fire Department's
Retirement Dinner. (CM)

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!

MARK LEWIS
CITY MANAGER